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FM USDEL MTN GENEVA

TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI PRIORITY

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NAIROBI FOR BRUNGART AND HENTGES

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD MTN

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE G-77 MTN RESOLUTION

1. ALTHOUGH FEW SPECIFICS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED, A
NUMBER OF LDC CONTACTS IN GENEVA INDICATE THAT THE
G-77 IS DRAFTING A RESOLUTION ON THE MTN. SOME
DELEGATIONS HAVE IMPLIED THAT ONE REASON FOR SUCH
A RESOLUTION WOULD BE TO SPEED THE WORK OF THE
TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP AND TO MAKE US POSITION
REQUIRING CONTRIBUTIONS (LESS THAN FULL RECIPROCITY)
FROM BENEFITING LDCS MORE DIFFICULT. MTN DEL
AWARE THAT LEADING PROPONENTS OF LDC NON-
RECIPROCITY IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP SUCH AS
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AMBASSADOR CHADHA (INDIA) AND AMBASSADOR WALKER

(KAMAICA) HAVE LEADERSHIP ROLES IN NAIROBI.

2. MTN DEL CONCERNED THAT A RESOLUTION SEEKING THE EARLY AND NON-RECIPROCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF TP CONCESSIONS MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP B ESPECIALLY IF CAST IN HORTATORY TERMS. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THE US DELEGATION IS THE ONLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY SPECIFICALLY SEEKING A SUFFICIENT MEASURE OF RECIPROCITY TO PROCEED WITH ITS OFFERED CONCESSIONS.

3. REQUESTED ACTION: REQUEST ANY INFORMATION US DEL NAIROBI MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING SUCH A G-77 INITIATIVE. MTN DEL TRANSMITTING BY SEPTTEL IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS A STATUS REPORT OF THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS AND AN EXPLANATION OF US POSITIONS. ASSUME US AND GROUP B POSITION REMAINS THAT NEGOTIATION OF MTN MATTERS NOT APPROPRIATE IN UNCTAD. MTN DEL HOWEVER CONCERNED THAT ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE RESULTS THIS SESSION UNCTAD MAY SWAY OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS TO LEAN TO SUCH HORTATORY RESOLUTION WITH WHICH THEY COULD EASILY COMPLY. WALKER

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